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THE STOP TOXIC OIL DRILLING ACT 2024

SEC 1. Title. This measure shall be known and may be cited as the “The Stop Toxic Oil Drilling Act of 2024.”

SEC. 2. Findings and Declarations

The people of the State of California find and declare the following:

- (a) Oil and gas extraction causes toxic pollution that enters our air, water, and soil and endangers surrounding communities. Harmful pollutants include known cancer-causing chemicals like benzene, formaldehyde, and cadmium; ozone-forming chemicals like nitrogen oxides, volatile organic compounds, and methane; and particulate matter including diesel exhaust and silica dust that cause lung and heart problems.
- (b) A large and growing body of research shows direct health harms from proximity to oil extraction, including a higher risk of having babies with birth defects, premature births and high-risk pregnancies, and low-birthweight babies. People living near drilling sites have a higher risk for developing cancer, increased asthma attacks, higher hospitalization rates, and more upper respiratory problems and rashes. Californians living near active oil and gas wells report suffering from symptoms such as nosebleeds, headaches, and worsened asthma.
- (c) Studies have consistently shown evidence of harm at distances less than one kilometer, which is approximately 3,200 feet. Multiple studies have demonstrated evidence of harm at distances beyond 3,200 feet. More than 2.5 million people live within 3,200 feet of an oil well.
- (d) Greenhouse gas emissions from oil and gas extraction drive the climate crisis, which is caused overwhelmingly by fossil fuels. More than 85% of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions come from oil, gas, and coal. California must phase out oil and gas extraction within its borders to address the climate crisis and meet its climate goals.
- (e) Oil and gas wells threaten public safety with the risk of fires, explosions, leaks, spills, and chemical releases.
- (f) These harms are disproportionately impacting Black, Indigenous, and people of color in California, who are most likely to live in close proximity to oil extraction activities and who are the most vulnerable to climate change damages.
- (g) The purposes of this Act are to (1) protect public health, safety, and the environment from the toxic air pollution and other harms of oil and gas extraction; (2) provide further assistance to frontline communities that have been most polluted by the fossil fuel industry; (3) assist the state’s climate efforts, including but not limited to reducing

greenhouse gases, reducing oil and gas production, and promoting the remediation and repurposing of oil and gas extraction sites and building of resilient infrastructure to prepare for unavoidable climate change damages, (4) further all of these goals in part by prohibiting new oil and gas wells, and by requiring measures to address health and safety risks from existing wells, in proximity to homes, schools, hospitals, and other sensitive receptors.

SEC. 3. Article 4.6 (commencing with Section 3280) is added to Chapter 1 of Division 3 of the Public Resources Code, to read:

Article 4.6. Health Protection Zones

3280.

For purposes of this article, the following definitions apply:

- (a) "Area" means surface area, and all measurement of distances is on the surface of the land.
- (b) "Health protection zone" means the area within 3,200 feet of a sensitive receptor. The measurement shall be made from the property line of the receptor unless the receptor building is more than 50 feet set back from the property line, in which case the measurement shall be made from the outline of the building footprint to 3,200 feet in all directions.
- (c) "Sensitive receptor" means any of the following:
 - (1) A residence, including a private home, condominium, apartment, and living quarter.
 - (2) An education resource, including a preschool, school maintaining transitional kindergarten, kindergarten, or any of grades 1 to 12, inclusive, daycare center, park, playground, university, and college. Where a university or college is the only sensitive receptor within 3,200 feet of the operator's wellheads or production facilities, the university or college is not a sensitive receptor if the operator demonstrates to the division's satisfaction that no building with nominal daily occupancy on the university or college campus is located within 3,200 feet of the operator's wellheads or production facilities.
 - (3) A community resource center, including a youth center.
 - (4) A health care facility, including a hospital, retirement home, and nursing home.
 - (5) Live-in housing, including a long-term care hospital, hospice, prison, detention center, and dormitory.
 - (6) Any building housing a business that is open to the public.

3281.

- (a) Notwithstanding any other law, commencing December 18, 2024, the division shall not approve any notice of intention under Section 3203 within a health protection zone, except for approvals of notices of intention necessary for any of the following purposes:
 - (1) To prevent or respond to a threat to public health, safety, or the environment.
 - (2) To comply with a court order finding that denying approval would amount to a taking of property, or a court order otherwise requiring approval of a notice of intention.
 - (3) To plug and abandon or reabandon a well, including an intercept well necessary to plug and abandon or reabandon a well.
- (b) An operator who submits a notice of intention under Section 3203, except for notices of intention described in paragraph (3) of subdivision (a), shall submit a sensitive receptor inventory and map pursuant to Section 3285 of the area within the 3,200-foot radius of the wellhead or proposed wellhead location to the division with the notice of intention or a statement certifying that the operator has confirmed, and the division has verified, that there are no sensitive receptors located within 3,200 feet of the wellhead location. The operator shall submit the sensitive receptor inventory and map in a format that complies with all requirements of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Public Law 101–336) and its implementing regulations for online viewing. If the inventory or map includes any personally identifiable information, the operator shall submit a second version with the personally identifiable information redacted. Inventories and maps with no personally identifiable information shall be made available to the public in compliance with Section 3234. No new production facilities shall be constructed or operated in a health protection zone unless associated with a notice of intention approved pursuant to subdivision (a) or as determined by the division to be necessary to protect public health and safety.
- (c) If a notice of intention is approved pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (a), the approval shall require the operator of the oil or gas well to provide an individual indemnity bond sufficient to pay the full cost of properly plugging and abandoning the operator's well or wells, and decommissioning any attendant production facilities in the health protection zone. The division shall determine the amount of the individual indemnity bond in accordance with subdivision (b) of Section 3205.3. The bond shall be executed by the operator, as principal, and by an authorized surety company, as surety, and shall be in substantially the same language and upon the same conditions as provided in Section 3204, except as to the difference in the amount. The operator's blanket indemnity bond authorized pursuant to Section 3205 shall not be used to satisfy this subdivision.

- (d) Underground gas storage wells and attendant production facilities are not subject to this article.

3281.5.

- (a) The Legislature finds and declares that development of oil and gas fields into nonfossil fuel production and injection and related uses, including, but not limited to, housing, recreation, and commercial development, may have plugged and abandoned wells or may require existing oil and gas wells to be plugged and abandoned, or replugged and abandoned, to current statutory and regulatory standards, and that the creation of health protection zones, and the related restrictions and requirements of this article, do not apply in the context of development for nonfossil fuel production and injection and related uses.
- (b) Notwithstanding any contrary provisions of subdivision (a) of Section 3281, the division may approve notices of intention pursuant to Section 3203 to public and private entities who own, purchase, or lease land containing idle-deserted or previously plugged and abandoned wells for the purposes of those public and private entities plugging and abandoning, or replugging and abandoning, those oil and gas wells so development of nonfossil fuel production and injection and related uses can proceed. This may include, without limitation, a notice of intention to drill or rework an intercept well, if needed to plug and abandon or replug and abandon another well on the condition that the intercept well is itself plugged and abandoned. The public and private entities, as well as any lessees, tenants, or other occupants, shall not engage in oil or gas development or production or injection or related uses for which they have submitted a notice of intention pursuant to this subdivision.

3282.

Commencing January 1, 2025, all oil or gas production facilities or wells with a wellhead within a health protection zone shall be in compliance with all of the following requirements:

- (a) The operator is required to comply with the terms and conditions of all applicable federal, state, and local permits required to operate the well and facility.
- (b) If not otherwise required by law or regulation, clearly post contact information for where to address complaints about noise, odor, and other concerns on the perimeter of the site. This information shall include responsible persons employed by the operator, as well as enforcement officials in the city, county, or city and county, and air district, in which the facility is located. The size and format of the posted information shall be consistent with existing requirements.
- (c) Unless more stringent local requirements apply, between 8 p.m. and 7 a.m., sound levels from oil and gas production operations shall not exceed ambient noise levels, as measured at the property line.

- (d) Unless more stringent local requirements apply, minimize light generated at an oil or gas well or production facility to reduce light traveling beyond property boundaries. Except as needed in emergency circumstances, operators shall use only such lighting as is necessary to provide the minimum intensity and coverage for safety and basic security between the hours of 8 p.m. and 7 a.m. Lighting shall be hooded or otherwise directed so that it shines onto only the operator's property and not onto adjacent properties or into the sky.
- (e) Unless more stringent local requirements apply, employ operational measures to prevent dust and particulates from migrating beyond property boundaries. Dust control measures to be employed within property boundaries shall include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - (1) Limiting vehicle speeds on unpaved roads to 15 miles per hour or less.
 - (2) Containing or covering stored sands, drilling muds, and excavated soil.
- (f) Immediately suspending the use of a production facility if the production facility, including all permanent and temporary equipment within the health protection zone that emits vapors, such as tanks, vessels, separation facilities, gas processing units, and other equipment holding petroleum liquids or produced water, is not in compliance with all applicable air district requirements relating to preventing vapor venting to the atmosphere.
- (g) (1) The operator is required to provide the division with representative chemical analyses for all produced water transported away from the oilfield where it was produced.
 - (2) Chemical analysis required under this subdivision shall be in accordance with the analytical specifications for liquid analysis detailed in Section 1724.7.2 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, and shall be filed with the division within three months of produced water being transported from the oilfield and whenever the source of produced water is changed.
 - (3) For the purposes of this subdivision, the source of produced water is changed if the treatment process or additives are changed, if a contributing source is added or removed, or if there is a significant change to the relative contribution of individual sources such that the last chemical analysis is not representative of the produced water being transported from the oilfield.

3283.

- (a) All operators with a production facility or well with a wellhead in a health protection zone shall develop a leak detection and response plan that shall be submitted to the division no later than January 31, 2025, and fully implemented by operators by January 1, 2027. For any leak detection and response plan submitted by January 31, 2025, the division shall either approve the

plan or provide notice of deficiencies by January 1, 2026. Commencing January 1, 2027, the operator shall suspend all production and injection operations within a health protection zone unless an approved leak detection and response plan is fully implemented in that area. A leak detection and response plan is subject to review and approval by the division, in consultation with and with the concurrence of the State Air Resources Board, and shall include all of the following:

(1) The leak detection and response plan shall identify the chemical constituents, such as methane and hydrogen sulfide, as well as potential toxics of highest concern in the region as identified by the State Air Resources Board or local air district that will be detection targets for the emissions detection system to ensure early detection of leaks that otherwise may result in emissions impacting the surrounding communities. Not all chemical species that may be found in the oilfield are required to be detection targets and methane may serve as a surrogate for chemical constituents that cannot be continuously monitored but are identified in the leak detection and response plan. The State Air Resources Board and the State Water Resources Control Board shall adopt regulations as necessary to implement and set performance standards by regulation for the emissions detection system. The division, the State Air Resources Board, and the State Water Resources Control Board may adopt such regulations under an emergency rulemaking process as provided in Section 3288.

(2) (A) The leak detection and response plan shall include a continuously operating emissions detection system designed to provide for rapid detection of target chemical constituents to identify leaks before emissions impact the surrounding communities. Sampling locations and sample inlets shall be sited consistent with local meteorology and best practices.

(B) The emissions detection system shall include an alarm system that effectively, immediately, and reliably alerts the operator when triggered.

(C) The emissions detection system shall include a new, or use an existing, meteorological system that is appropriately sited with the ability to continuously record measurements.

(b) The leak detection and response plan shall include an alarm response protocol that provides for immediate action to rapidly identify and fix the leak that is the source of the emissions. In the event that the source of the emissions is not identified and the leak stopped within 48 hours of the leak being identified, the alarm response protocol shall include a communication plan for notification of local emergency responders and public health authorities, the division, and people in the community, including notification in languages that are easily understood by the affected community. The alarm response protocol shall provide for compliance with all local, state, and federal requirements for reporting leaks of hazardous emissions. The operator shall consult with local emergency response entities when preparing the alarm response protocol and shall engage in drills as deemed necessary by the local emergency response entity. The alarm response protocol shall provide for collection and determination of the chemical composition of a representative sample near the leak when a continuous alarm event indicates that emissions

from the leak may have impacted the surrounding community, and the subsequent collection and determination of the chemical composition of samples when there is reason to believe that the composition of the emissions may be changing. If the source of the emissions is a leak from a well or production facility, the operator shall suspend use of the well or production facility until the leak has been corrected and the division has approved the resumption of its use. Where the operator can demonstrate to the division that the source of the emissions is not related to the oil and gas operations, the division may waive any additional actions required under the alarm response protocol.

(c) The division and the State Air Resources Board shall collaborate to develop methods for providing public access to data generated by operators from emissions detection systems.

(d) The division shall hold no less than three public workshops following the enactment of the emergency regulations pursuant to Section 3288 to provide information and guidance to operators and the public on the development of leak detection and response plans pursuant to this section.

(e) An operator's leak detection and response plan shall be reviewed and updated by the operator, subject to division approval, at least once every five years from the date of its initial approval by the division. The division shall hold at least one public technical workshop at least biennially to provide information and guidance to operators on best practices for the development, review, and update of leak detection and response plans.

(f) The operator shall record and maintain records of emissions and meteorological monitoring, including the composition of any samples collected during leak events, for 10 years.

(g) Notwithstanding Section 10231.5 of the Government Code, commencing July 1, 2025, and at six-month intervals thereafter, the supervisor shall notify the applicable legislative budget and policy committees on progress, including milestones, towards achieving the deadlines in subdivision (a) for the development, approval, and implementation of the leak detection and response plans.

3284.

(a) Before commencing any work that requires a notice of intention under Section 3203 in the health protection zone, the operator shall contact property owners and tenants within a 3,200-foot radius of the wellhead in writing with a record of delivery and offer to sample and test water wells or surface water on their property before and after drilling.

(b) The operator shall contact property owners and tenants as specified in subdivision (a) at least 30 days before commencing drilling. If a property owner or tenant requests sampling and testing of a water well or surface water, drilling may not commence until a baseline water sample has been collected, provided that the owner's or tenant's request is delivered in writing with a record of delivery to the operator within 20 days from the date notice is provided and the surface property owner makes necessary accommodations to enable the collection of a water sample within 10 days from the date notice is provided. The operator shall collect a followup water sample no sooner than 30 days, and no later than 60 days, after drilling is complete. The costs of sampling and testing required under this section shall be borne by the operator.

(c) Before commencing drilling in the health protection zone, the operator shall provide to the division documentation of the effort to identify and notify property owners and tenants as required.

(d) The operator shall conduct water sampling and testing, both baseline and followup, pursuant to this section, in accordance with all of the following requirements:

(1) Water quality sampling shall be conducted by appropriately qualified personnel in a manner consistent with standard environmental industry practice and chain of custody protocols. Documentation of the sampling process shall accurately describe the location that the sample was taken from and the process for collecting the sample.

(2) Water quality analytical testing shall be performed by a laboratory that has been accredited under the State Water Resources Control Board's Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program to perform the tests necessary to complete the required analysis under this subdivision, except for those tests labeled as field tests, that may be conducted by any person qualified to sample and interpret the results of the required test.

(3) (A) Water quality testing shall include baseline measurements before the commencement of the drilling, and followup measurements after drilling is completed.

(B) Liquid analysis required under this subdivision shall include testing for all of the following: total dissolved solids; total petroleum hydrocarbon as crude oil; major cations (Ca, Mg, Na, K, Fe, Mn, Sr, B); major anions (Cl, SO₄, HCO₃, CO₃, Br, I, NO₃); any constituents listed in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 66261.24 of Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations; radionuclides; appropriate indicator chemicals for drilling mud and fluids used for well cleanout; total alkalinity and hydroxide; electrical conductance; pH; and temperature.

(C) The division or the regional water quality control board may require testing for additional constituents on a case-by-case basis.

(4) Within 120 days after drilling in the health protection zone is complete, the results of any baseline and followup water quality testing shall be provided by the operator to the division, the appropriate regional water quality control board, the State Water Resources Control Board, the surface property owner, and the requesting tenant.

(5) The appropriate regional water quality control board shall be notified at least five working days before collecting a sample under this section so that regional water quality control board staff may witness the sampling.

(6) Water quality data collected under this section shall be submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board and the appropriate regional water quality control board in an electronic format that follows the guidelines detailed in Chapter 30 (commencing with Section 3890) of Division 3 of Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations within 120 days after drilling is complete.

(7) If the property owner or tenant is unable to provide the necessary access to perform baseline or followup testing under this section, then failure to do the testing is not a violation of this section. The division may waive the requirements of this section if the operator demonstrates that the delay in well work associated with the requirements of this section is likely to result in significant damage to life, health, or natural resources. The operator is not required to sample or test water under this section if the relevant authorities have determined that the water is not an underground source of drinking water, as defined in the federal Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 300f et. seq.), and the water has no beneficial uses, in accordance with subdivision (f) of Section 13050 of the Water Code.

3285.

(a) Every operator shall submit to the division by January 31, 2025, a sensitive receptor inventory and map that includes the following:

(1) A list of all sensitive receptors within 3,200 feet of an operator's wellheads and production facilities by field. For each sensitive receptor listed, the operator shall provide all of the following:

(A) The distance from the sensitive receptor to each wellhead or production facility that is located within 3,200 feet of that specific receptor. The well shall be identified by API number, and the production facility shall also be explicitly identified. Latitude and longitude shall also be provided for the wellhead and production facility.

(B) The type of sensitive receptor.

(C) A map showing each sensitive receptor's location in relation to the operator's wellheads and production facilities.

(2) A statement from each operator based on their sensitive receptor inventory that provides the operator's determination as to whether their wellheads and production facilities are located within 3,200 feet of a sensitive receptor. An operator who has identified sufficient sensitive receptors such that their entire operation is located within a health protection zone may cease adding new sensitive receptors to their inventory and make a determination that all of their wellheads and production facilities are located within a health protection zone.

(b) By July 1 of each year, all operators shall submit to the division a sensitive receptor inventory and map pursuant to subdivision (a) that is up to date, with information no more than 90 days old, and shall make a new determination regarding the location of each of their wellheads and production facilities within a health protection zone. If there have been no changes to the location of sensitive receptors in the 3,200 feet surrounding the operator's wellheads and production facilities, the operator shall submit a statement that no changes to the determination are needed.

(c) The division shall review for completeness and accuracy no less than 30 percent of the inventories and associated maps submitted annually pursuant to this section. The division shall notify operators of any discrepancies in the submitted inventories and maps as determined by the division.

(d) The division shall make available to the public on its internet website all current sensitive receptor inventories and maps.

3286.

(a) Commencing January 1, 2027, and no less than annually on a date to be determined by the division, an operator with a wellhead or other production facility or facilities in a health protection zone shall provide at least the following information to the division by location in a format that complies with all requirements of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Public Law 101–336) and its implementing regulations for online viewing:

(1) The number of and amounts of time the emissions detection system was not operating.

(2) The number of validated alarms, and the reasons for the alarms.

(3) The number of leaks that occurred, the time needed to repair the leak, and a brief description of the leak, including the impact on air quality and community exposure.

(4) The number of times the surrounding community was notified after a leak persisted for 48 hours.

(5) The number of times and length of time production and injection operations and other use of the facility were suspended due to leaks.

(6) Any baseline and postdrilling groundwater testing performed by location.

(b) The division shall make the information submitted by the operators available to the public on its internet website.

3287.

Notwithstanding Section 10231.5 of the Government Code, on or before July 1, 2027, and annually thereafter, the division shall provide a legislative report to the applicable budget and policy committees regarding the implementation of health protection zones by the division. The reports shall include at least the following:

(a) The number and types of wells and attendant facilities in health protection zones by operator and field.

(b) The estimated population protected by the health protection zone.

(c) The status of leak detection and response plans by operation and location.

(d) The number and type of notices of intention approved in health protection zones and the reason the notices of intention received approval by operator and field.

(e) The number of sensitive receptor inventories and maps received by the division by operator and field.

(f) Aggregated information by operator and location of leaks detected and alarms associated with the leaks.

(g) The number of notices of violation issued by the division for dust control, excess noise and light, and other requirements pursuant to this article by operator and field.

(h) The number of orders issued by the supervisor pursuant to this article by operator and field.

(i) The number of times by operator and location that baseline and postdrilling groundwater testing was performed.

3288.

The division, the State Air Resources Board, and the State Water Resources Control Board may prescribe, adopt, and enforce any emergency regulations as necessary to implement, administer, and enforce its duties under this article. Any emergency regulation prescribed, adopted, or enforced pursuant to this article shall be adopted in accordance with Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, and, for purposes of that chapter, including Section 11349.6 of the Government Code, the adoption of the regulation is an emergency and shall be considered by the Office of Administrative Law as necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and general welfare. Notwithstanding any other law, the emergency regulations adopted by the division, the State Air Resources Board, and the State Water Resources Control Board may remain in effect for two years from adoption.

3289.

(a) No provision of this article is a limitation on the authority or jurisdiction of the State Water Resources Control Board, the regional water quality control boards, the State Air Resources Board, or local air quality districts.

(b) This article does not prohibit a city, county, city and county, or the division from imposing more stringent regulations, limits, or prohibitions on oil and gas development.

3290.

The State Air Resources Board, relevant local air districts, the State Water Resources Control Board, and relevant local water quality control boards shall enter into memoranda of understanding with the division to clearly delineate respective responsibilities for implementing and enforcing health protection zones. These memoranda of understanding shall be executed by June 1, 2025. The division may pursue additional memoranda of understanding with other state and local entities as needed.

3291.

This article does not diminish or alter the authority of the supervisor to deny, revoke, or suspend permits to meet the division's purpose to protect public health and safety and environmental quality, including the reduction and mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions, or the supervisor's repeated obligation pursuant to this division to supervise certain oil and gas related operations to prevent, as far as possible, damage to life, health, property, natural resources, or underground and surface waters suitable for irrigation or domestic purposes, among other reasons.

SEC. 4. Severability.

The provisions of this act are severable. If any provision of this act or its application is held invalid, that invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application.

SEC. 5. Reimbursement

No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution for certain costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school district because, in that regard, this act creates a new crime or infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution.

However, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that this act contains other costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

SEC. 6 Amendment

This Act shall be liberally construed and applied in order to fully promote its underlying purposes. The provisions of this Act shall not be amended by the Legislature except to further its purposes, including by imposing more stringent regulations, limits, or prohibitions on oil and gas development, by a statute passed in each house by roll call vote entered in the journal, a majority of the membership concurring, or by a statute that becomes effective only when approved by the electorate.

SEC. 7. Conflicting Measures

In the event that this measure and another measure or measures concerning oil setbacks appear on the same statewide election ballot, the provisions of the other measure or measures shall be deemed to be in conflict with this measure. In the event that this measure receives a greater number of affirmative votes, the provisions of this measure shall prevail in their entirety, and the

provisions of the other measure shall be null and void. In the event that a referendum of SB 1137 (Chaptered by Secretary of State, Chapter 365, Statutes of 2022) appears on the ballot at the same election as this measure and receives sufficient votes to keep or adopt SB 1137, and this initiative receives a greater number of affirmative votes, the provisions of this initiative shall control, including the relevant deadlines, and the provisions of SB 1137 in conflict shall be null and void.